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Atty. Dkt. No. WEAT/0382**Remarks**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 23, 2005. Claims 1-18 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 10, 17 and 18 have been cancelled by the Applicant. Claims 1-4, 7 and 16-18 stand rejected. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 5, 6 and 8-15 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the base claims (claims 1 and 16) to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Applicants have also added new claims 19-23 that include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Accordingly, base claims 1 and 16 and the new claims 19-23 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Graham* (U.S. 3,087,548). Claims 1-4, 7 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Slup et al.* (U.S. 6,491,108). Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Owen, Sr.* (US Publication No. 2004/216,868).

Applicants have amended base claims 1 and 16 as discussed above to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdraw of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

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In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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